

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, James (Jim) E. Smith honored his home state of South Dakota as a dedicated public servant and advocate for sound public policy for the last 63 years; and,

Whereas, Jim grew up in Pierre, South Dakota, graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, was quarterback for their 1951 championship football team, and continues to give back to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and its students; and,

Whereas, Jim's distinguished career had humble beginnings as an elevator operator in the United States Capitol, then working for United States Senator Karl Mundt, serving at the United States Department of Treasury, a presidential appointment as the 23rd United States Comptroller of the Currency, and founder of a successful business; and,

Whereas, Jim is beloved by his family, friends, and colleagues alike, all of whom rely on his principled advice, knowledge, and steadfast friendship; and,

Whereas, Jim will officially retire at the end of 2015 to enjoy more time with his wife of 37 years, Karen, and his family; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 16, 2015, as

JAMES E. SMITH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State